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Ms. Jennifer Carr, Deputy Administrator  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
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Re: Nevada Water Programs End of Year Review Reports for State Fiscal Year 2015

Dear Ms. Carr:

EPA, Region 9 completed our review of the Nevada Water Programs' performance for State Fiscal Year 2015 (SFY15). This review covers the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) programs and grants that are currently administered by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP).

NDEP made good progress in most Clean Water Act program areas over the past year. All base program requirements and projects for the SFY15 grants were completed or on track for completion. Notably, NDEP completed an update of the Nonpoint Source Management Plan, completed revisions to water quality standards for the South Fork Reservoir, completed the FY12 Integrated Report and completed its Triennial Review process. A formal review of the NPDES program was not completed. However, it should be noted that NDEP and EPA are working cooperatively on integration of TMDLs into the permitting process. Coordination will continue over the next year.

NDEP also made good progress in the Safe Drinking Water Act programs over State Fiscal Year 2015. In the UIC program, work this year focused on permitting, inspections, compliance evaluation, reviewing and witnessing mechanical integrity tests and enforcement actions. NDEP gave priority to Class II and Class V wells having the highest potential to degrade ground water or most significantly impact drinking water sources. NDEP continues to implement an effective drinking water program. EPA is encouraged by NDEP's effective expenditure of the Public Water Supply System and DW SRF set aside funding. NDEP adopted the Revised Total Coliform Rule in December, 2014 and submitted to EPA a primacy revision package on March 10, 2015.

The State Revolving Program (SRF) review has not yet been completed and will be transmitted at a later date. EPA will follow up with you to schedule any necessary actions to complete the review for the SRF program.

The US EPA concluded that NDEP is adequately managing the CWA and SDWA programs. On behalf of EPA's review team, I would like to express my appreciation for the assistance that you and your staff provided during the review and the hard work that went into the last year's accomplishments. If you have any questions or comments about the reports, please call me at (415) 972-3438.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Montgomery", is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Montgomery, Assistant Director  
Water Division

Enclosures

cc: Kathy Sertic, NDEP  
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